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TO : Executive  
FROM : Chief, I&SS  
SUBJECT: Attached Letter to Mr. Dean

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In briefing the DCI on this letter:

- (1) "Type B Restricted Data" involves military application of Atomic Energy.
- (2) It does not include highly sensitive "Q Information" such as numbers of bombs, methods of manufacture, and other more carefully compartmentalized information.
- (3) This permission by Mr. Dean will avoid getting full Q clearance for many people who don't need it.
- (4) Persons to receive "Type B" will be only those recommended by Dr. Chadwell, they will be carried on a special dissemination roster, and the names will be rechecked with I&SS.

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SHEPHERD EDWARDS  
Colonel, GSC

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UNITED STATES  
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

December 26, 1950

Dear General Smith:

Reference is made to your letter of November 14, 1950, in which you furnished additional information in connection with the request for authority to disseminate "Type B Restricted Data" within the Central Intelligence Agency on a "need to know" basis.

The Atomic Energy Commission is working out new arrangements with the Department of Defense under which a distinction between "Type A" and "Type B Restricted Data" would be eliminated. Consequently, the request concerning the dissemination of "Type B Restricted Data" would have no further meaning upon the consummation of this new arrangement which is expected to go into operation in the near future.

We note in your letter that the investigations of applicants for employment with your Agency are conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other governmental investigative agencies. The AEC would normally be able to grant a "Q" clearance to those CIA employees who have been investigated by the FBI upon receipt of additional copies of the investigative reports. Such clearance could be granted without any appreciable delay. It would take approximately sixty to ninety days to obtain background investigation and AEC "Q" clearance for those CIA employees who have not been investigated by the FBI.

Since you have indicated that less than [ ] professional analysts are involved, we recommend that for the present time your Agency process for "Q" clearance, in accordance with established procedures, those employees who will require access to "Restricted Data."

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Sincerely yours,

UNITED STATES ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

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Gordon Dean  
Chairman

Lieut. General Walter Bedell Smith  
Director of Central Intelligence

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The Honorable Gordon Dean  
Chairman  
Atomic Energy Commission  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dean:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 30 October 1950 in connection with our request of 20 September 1950 for authority to disseminate "Type B Restricted Data" within CIA on a "need to know" basis.

For your information, it is the security policy of this Agency to require a field investigation completed within the past three years, plus national agency checks, prior to entry on duty in a position requiring access to classified information. The field investigations of applicants for employment within the Agency are conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other governmental investigative agencies.

The number of employees who will have a need to view "Type B Restricted Data" will vary according to the subject matter and content of the reports; however, it should not exceed [redacted] professional analysts who have been cleared through TOP SECRET.

Sincerely yours,

*[Signature]*

WALTER D. SMITH  
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE CHAIRMAN  
U. S. ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

SUBJECT: "Type B Restricted Data"

1. The Central Intelligence Agency understands that by agreement between the Atomic Energy Commission and the Department of Defense certain types of atomic energy information having to do with military applications are categorized as "Type B Restricted Data", for which specific "Q" clearance is not required. It would appear that this agreement does not cover CIA.

2. Recently documents containing information within the "Type B Restricted Data" category have been received from Department of Defense agencies. For the most part, the information contained in these documents is not of exclusive interest to the unit within CIA which is the normal custodian of Restricted Data documents for this Agency. Access to this information by other personnel of the Central Intelligence Agency who do not possess "Q" clearance is necessary in the performance of their duties.

3. In order to obviate the necessity for requesting an appreciable number of additional "Q" clearances for CIA, it is requested that the Central Intelligence Agency be given authority to make information, classified as "Type B Restricted Data", available, on the basis of the need to know, to personnel within CIA who do not possess "Q" clearance.

4. Type A Restricted Data will continue to be made available only to personnel who have "Q" clearance.

*Approved & keep via ER 9/28*  
R. H. HILLENKOTTER  
Rear Admiral, USN  
Director of Central Intelligence

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